

1 John 2 - Defeating the Lust of the Eyes

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1 John 2:15-16

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, THE LUST OF THE FLESH, and THE LUST OF THE EYES, and THE PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

THE DANGERS OF THE LUST OF THE EYES:

- *impassions the lusts of the flesh, especially covetousness and discontentment*

Genesis 3:6

"And WHEN THE WOMAN SAW that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

- *brings vexation, oppression, depression*

2 Peter 2:7-8

7 And delivered just Lot, VEXED (to oppress, afflict, tire, exhaust) WITH THE FILTHY CONVERSATION OF THE WICKED:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, IN SEEING AND HEARING, VEXED HIS RIGHTEOUS SOUL FROM DAY TO DAY WITH THEIR UNLAWFUL DEEDS);

Philippians 4:8-9

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

- *steals the affections and focus of the heart, making us earth-dwellers instead of aliens passing through*

Colossians 3:2

"SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH."

2 Corinthians 5:7

"FOR WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT."

Matthew 5:29

"And IF THY RIGHT EYE OFFEND THEE, PLUCK IT OUT, AND CAST IT FROM THEE: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

1 Peter 2:11

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS, WHICH WAR AGAINST THE SOUL."

2 Timothy 2:3-4

3 Thou therefore **ENDURE HARDNESS, AS A GOOD SOLDIER** of Jesus Christ.

4 **NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE;** that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Psalm 101:2-7

2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. **O WHEN WILT THOU COME UNTO ME? I WILL WALK WITHIN MY HOUSE WITH A PERFECT HEART.**

3 **I WILL SET NO WICKED THING BEFORE MINE EYES;** I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

6 **MINE EYES SHALL BE UPON THE FAITHFUL OF THE LAND,** that they may dwell with me: He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.

7 **HE THAT WORKETH DECEIT SHALL NOT DWELL WITHIN MY HOUSE: HE THAT TELLETH LIES SHALL NOT TARRY IN MY SIGHT.**

Matthew 6:21-23

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 **THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE: IF THEREFORE THINE EYE BE SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT.**

23 But **IF THINE EYE BE EVIL, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF DARKNESS.** If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Psalm 119:37

"TURN AWAY MINE EYES FROM BEHOLDING VANITY; And quicken thou me in thy way."

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 **LOOKING UNTO JESUS** the author and finisher of our faith; who **FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS,** despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 11:24-27

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, **AS SEEING HIM WHO IS INVISIBLE.**

Hebrews 11:13-15

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but **HAVING SEEN THEM AFAR OFF,** and **WERE PERSUADED OF THEM,** and **EMBRACED THEM,** and **CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS ON THE EARTH.**

14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

15 And truly, **IF THEY HAD BEEN MINDFUL OF THAT COUNTRY FROM WHENCE THEY CAME OUT, THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE RETURNED.**

Proverbs 4:25-27

25 **LET THINE EYES LOOK RIGHT ON, AND LET THINE EYELIDS LOOK STRAIGHT BEFORE THEE.**

26 Ponder the path of thy feet, And let all thy ways be established.

27 **TURN NOT TO THE RIGHT HAND NOR TO THE LEFT:** Remove thy foot from evil.

Psalm 123:1-2

1 **UNTO THEE LIFT I UP MINE EYES,** O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 **BEHOLD, AS THE EYES OF SERVANTS LOOK UNTO THE HAND OF THEIR MASTERS, AND AS THE EYES OF A MAIDEN UNTO THE HAND OF HER MISTRESS; SO OUR EYES WAIT UPON THE LORD OUR GOD, UNTIL THAT HE HAVE MERCY UPON US.**